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MINUTES WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING April 26, 2012

Attendees: Chairman E. Ray Weaver, Vice-Chairman Gary Leavitt, John Anderson and Elizabeth Yang. Also present: David R. Ignatowicz, Director, Water Pollution Control; Arnie Bevins, Assistant Director, Water Pollution Control; George Rostkowski, Business Manager

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Ignatowicz suggested that the Authority consider holding a special meeting to discuss the details of Item #8 Review of Draft Fat, Oil and Grease (FOG) Regulation. Chairman Weaver acknowledged Mr. Bevins and Mr. Ignatowicz regarding the visit from Representative Joe Courtney and the article in The Journal Inquirer relative to the 2010 New England Water Environmental Association award. Chairman Weaver congratulated Mr. Ignatowicz, Mr. Bevins and the staff. Mr. Bevins showed the Authority the congressional citation that was received from Representative Courtney.

MINUTES OF WPCA REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 26, 2012

Mr. Leavitt, seconded by Mr. Anderson moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority accept the minutes of the January 26, 2012 Regular WPCA meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

MINUTES OF WPCA SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 9, 2012

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Miss Yang, moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority accept the minutes of the February 9, 2012 Special WPCA meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REPORT

Mr. Ignatowicz informed the Authority that this is the last meeting for Mr. Bevins because he is retiring after 41 years of employment. The Authority congratulated Mr. Bevins and thanked him for his long and dedicated service. Mr. Bevins reported that the plant is running fine, however there was a problem with one of the pumps. Chlorination will begin this week and because of the new diffusers, there were no solids issues so the chlorine tank will not have to be cleaned. Mr. Ignatowicz reported that the emergency generator should be repaired, tested and put back on-line in one day. The total cost for the repair is \$120,000 which includes the repair to the generator, rigging and roof repair. He noted that in order to put out the fire in the generator, the Vernon Fire Department had to cut a hole in the roof. There is a \$10,000 deductible and insurance will reimburse the remaining repair costs.

REQUEST FOR A BID WAIVER TO PURCHASE POWDERED ACTIVATED CARBON FOR FY 2012-2013

Mr. Ignatowicz explained that Norit Americas, Inc. can provide the carbon at \$1.19/lb which includes delivery for the entire fiscal year. In prior years, the carbon was purchased from Siemens Water Technologies, Corp., however, this year's the cost would be \$1.24/lb not including delivery. Last year, Siemens provided the carbon for \$1.10/lb Mr. Ignatowicz said. Miss Yang inquired about entering into a multi-year contract, however Mr. Ignatowicz explained that a fuel surcharge clause may be included in such a contract. Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Leavitt, moved that the Water Pollution Control Authority waives the bidding for the purchase of activated carbon and approves the purchase of powdered activated carbon for use at the wastewater treatment plant from Norit Americas, Inc. 3200 W.

University Avenue, Marshall, TX 75670 for FY 2012-13 at a cost of \$1.19 per pound, delivered. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

REPAIR AND EXTERIOR REFINISHING OF (4) FIBERGLASS CHEMICAL TANKS

A discussion took place regarding the repair cost, condition, and inspection of the tanks. It was the consensus of the Authority to table this item until additional information could be obtained, specifically, a written inspection report and the name of a second vendor.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Mr. Rostkowski reported that for the year ending June 30, 2011 the Operating Income (Loss) was \$841,990. Total revenue decline for the last three billing periods, compared to the same billing periods last year (10/15/10, 1/15/11 & 4/15/11) is \$242,798 and noted that there was wet spring, summer and fall seasons. Regarding sewer user account #3272 – 8 Maple Street, a property that has recently been acquired the Town, Mr. Rostkowski explained that a motion to waive the delinquent interest is needed for the auditors and is a formality. Mr. Weaver asked Mr. Rostkowski to call the Connecticut Water Company to see if the water has been shut off at the property so no further costs are incurred. Miss Yang, seconded by Mr. Leavitt, made a motion that the Water Pollution Control waive the delinquent interest on sewer user account #3272 for property that has been recently acquired by the Town of Vernon. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).

REVIEW OF DRAFT FAT, OIL AND GREASE (FOG) REGULATION

Mr. Ignatowicz provided information regarding the FOG program including details for the Food Preparation Establishments (FPEs), a draft regulation and draft fee schedule. Mr. Ignatowicz suggested the Authority hold a special meeting or discuss the draft regulation at the next regular meeting. A discussion took place regarding the basis of a fee schedule, enforcement of fees and compliance/non-compliance issues. Mr. Weaver said the Authority should wait until the next meeting to have time to peruse the draft regulation and make comments. Mr. Leavitt said that he would contact the DEEP to obtain any available additional information.

DISCUSSION OF PROCUREMENT OF PROFESSIONAL WASTEWATER ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO MAKING MODIFICATIONS TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY TO ACHIEVE NUTRIENT REDUCTION

Mr. Ignatowicz provided details regarding the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for engineering services relative to the treatment plant upgrade to comply with the state DEEP permit requirements for meeting new nitrogen and phosphorus limits. Mr. Ignatowicz noted that four other communities will have to pay a portion of the cost associated with the upgrade. Mr. Anderson said state legislators as well as local representatives from those towns should be involved from the start; Mr. Leavitt agreed. A discussion took place regarding the RFQ. Mr. Weaver said that a letter should be sent to the surrounding towns notifying them that the Town of Vernon will be looking into making modifications to the treatment plant and that it will be sending out a RFQ.

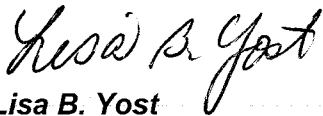
ANY ADDITIONAL MATTERS

Mr. Ignatowicz informed the Authority that Richard Madden has resigned from the Authority because Mr. Madden is working second shift. Mr. Ignatowicz presented informational items relative to the Talcottville Pump Station Repair, the Draft 2013-2018 State Plan of Conservation & Development, the Annual Report of the Water Pollution Control Department and the Connecticut Association of Water Pollution Control Authorities Notice of Spring Workshop and Annual Meeting. Mr. Leavitt inquired about discussing the possibility of implementing a program similar to Connecticut Water Company's wastewater protection program and perhaps this could be discussed at the next meeting. Mr. Ignatowicz said that he would research the suggestion.

ADJOURN

Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Leavitt made a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0) and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa B. Yost".

Lisa B. Yost

Secretary, Water Pollution Control